

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 21-27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

1. (Original)A granule comprising a core matrix and one or more coatings, wherein the core matrix comprises:
  - a. an active compound;
  - b. a synthetic polymer in an amount of 0.1 to 10 % by weight of the core matrix; and
  - c. antioxidant or reducing agent in an amount of 0.2 to 5 % by weight of the core matrix.
2. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the matrix further comprises a polysaccharide in an amount greater than 2 % by weight of the core matrix.
3. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polymer is present in an amount of 1 to 2 % by weight of the core matrix.
4. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant or reducing agent are present in an amount of 1 to 3 % by weight of the core matrix.
5. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the active compound is an enzyme.
6. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polymer is a polyvinyl polymer selected from the group consisting of PVP, PVA and copolymers thereof.
7. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant or reducing agent is selected from the group of sodium thiosulfate, sodium sulfite, thiodipropionic acid, erythorbate, ascorbate or methionine.
8. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polymer is PVP and the antioxidant is sodium thiosulfate.
9. (Original)The granule according to claim 2, wherein the amount of polysaccharide in the core matrix is 2 to 75 % by weight of the core matrix.

10. (Original)The granule according to claim 2, wherein the polysaccharide is starch.
11. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, where the core matrix is coated onto a preformed core.
12. (Original)The granule of claim 1, further comprising Magnesium sulfate or hydrated magnesium sulfate.
13. (Original)The granule according to claim 12, wherein the magnesium sulfate is present in an amount of 1 to 70 % by weight of the core matrix.
14. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the granule is coated with a salt layer.
15. (Original)The granule according to claim 14, wherein the salt layer contains 2% to 30% by weight of the core matrix and salt layer.
16. (Original)The granule according to claim 14, wherein the salt layer contains 3 to 10 % by weight of the core matrix and the salt layer.
17. (Original)The granule according to claim 14, wherein the salt layer is 2 to 100  $\mu$  thick.
18. (Original)The granule according to claim 1, wherein the granule further comprises a protective coating.
19. (Original)A process for preparing a granule, comprising the steps of:
  - a. preparing a core matrix comprising an active compound; a synthetic polymer in an amount of 0.1 to 10 % by weight of the core matrix; and antioxidant or reducing agent in an amount of 0.2 to 5 % by weight of the core matrix;
  - b. and applying one or more coating to said core matrix.
20. (Original)The process according to claim 19, where the granules are prepared in a mixer, a fluid bed, a fluid bed spray dryer, a spray dryer or an extruder.

Claims 21-27 (Cancelled)